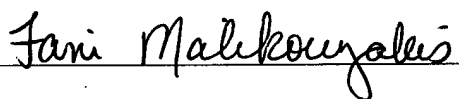


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-17. (Cancelled)

Claim 18. (New) A stent coated with 3-deazaadenosine or an analog of 3-deazaadenosine selected from the group consisting of a salt of 3-deazaadenosine and a precursor of 3-deazaadenosine which can be degraded to 3-deazaadenosine in the body under physiological conditions.

Claim 19. (New) The stent of claim 36, wherein said analog of deazaadenosine is selected from the group consisting of 3-deazaadenosine-3'-monophosphoric acid, 3-deazaadenosine-3'5'-cyclophosphate and 3-deazaadenosine-5'-diphosphoric acid.

Claim 20. (New) The stent of claim 36, wherein said 3-deazaadenosine or analog of 3-deazaadenosine is covalently bound to the stent.

Claim 21. (New) A method of preventing in-stent restenosis, reperfusion injuries or treating and preventing infectious and inflammatory coronary syndromes, dilated cardiomyopathy, viral myocarditis or infections by parasites by implanting the stent of claim 36 in a patient in need thereof.

Claim 22. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the condition is in-stent restenosis.

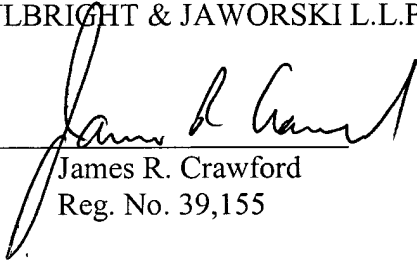
REMARKS

Applicants have canceled claims 1-17 and added new claims 18-22.

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